

February 24, 2005

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Board Room, 303 S. Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, Assistant Clerk Rhonda Hawk, County Attorney Ken Lander, Associate County Attorney Bill Childers, Personnel Director Janice Holland and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Judge Greg Adams and Judge Mike Burke came before the Board to request funding for indigent defense and a solicitor for the Probate and Magistrate Court. Proposed Resolutions authorizing the collection of an application fee for indigent defense services were also presented.

Elaine Whitehead with Action, Inc. made a presentation regarding the impact and accomplishments of Action in Walton County.

Bob Sheldon of Georgia Wastewater Services presented a proposal for sewer and wastewater.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Gasaway opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, with requested additions and removing item 11.0. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2005 meeting. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve personnel new hires, for the record. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed a request to equalize salaries among the Superior Court Judge's Secretaries. Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, to table the request until the next meeting. All voted in favor.

Contracts and purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater were presented for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve contracts and purchases as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Joyce Chambers, Facilities Manager, presented proposals from East Georgia

Communications/ Motorola to provide a distributed antenna and amplifier system at the new Government Building and the new jail addition. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal for the jail addition in the amount of \$72,345.00 and the new Government Building in the amount of \$87,572.00. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to table a request for allocation of funds from the Drug and Alcohol Education Fund. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Precision Planning for Phase II MS4 Permit Implementation. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to approve the proposal with reimbursable expenses being billed at actual cost. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve Resolutions for Collection of Application Fees for Indigent Defense Services for the Probate Court and Magistrate Court. Commissioner Turner further amended his motion that the reimbursement for outside attorneys be the same amount as paid through the Tripartite Committee, which is \$45.00 per hour out of court and \$60.00 per hour in court. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve Walton County Board of Commissioners as Fiscal Agent for The Partnership for Families, Children and Youth for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve a Board of Tax Assessors request to refund Walton County Power, LLC for taxes paid on erroneously returned property in the amount of \$86,608.70 for tax year 2002. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to acquire right of way from John T. Hanks, 3980 Tom Brewer Road, in the amount of \$1900.00. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Commissioners Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha and Robinson voted in favor. Commissioner Ayers opposed the motion. The motion carried 5-1.

The Board reviewed an annexation request from the City of Walnut Grove to annex 12.905 acres located on Old Hwy. 81. The property is further described as Land Lots 201 and 202 of the 4th Land District, Walton County, Georgia. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed an annexation request from the City of Good Hope to annex 39.38 acres located between State Route 186 and Old Good Hope Road. Commissioner Palmer

made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker with Precision Planning spoke during public comment.

At 8:41 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor.

At 9:24 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to return to regular session. Commissioners Ayers, Turner, Gasaway, Palmer, Atha & Robinson voted in favor. No votes were taken while in executive session.

At 9:26 p.m., Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

RHONDA HAWK, ASST., CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DISTRICT 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6